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Contaminants From Petroleum  
Distillates

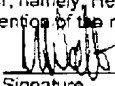
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 29, 2001**

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 29, 2002, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. A method for purifying motor oil, comprising:  
mixing the motor oil with a phase transfer catalyst;  
mixing the motor oil with a solvent to dissolve contaminants from the motor oil into the solvent; and then  
separating the solvent from the motor oil.